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JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Sanitary conditions good—Plague in Formosa—Quarantine at Dalny and Port Arthur against Chefoo on account of smallpox.

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, February 13, as follows:

During the week ended February 6, 1904, one steamer was inspected.

The status of Japan, as regards grave quarantinable disease, remains unchanged. Plague continues to be reported from Formosa.

The Russian authorities at Dalny and Port Arthur are reported to have proclaimed quarantine against Chefoo on account of smallpox.

PANAMA.

Report from city of Panama—No quarantinable diseases.

Assistant Surgeon Pierce reports, February 22, as follows:

During the week ended February 21, 1904, one vessel, the steamer *San Juan*, cleared for San Francisco, with a crew of 59 and with 24 passengers on board, all in good health.

No quarantinable diseases were reported during the week. There were 24 deaths from all causes. The following causes of death were taken from the official register:

Nephritis	2	Abscess of the liver.....	1
General debility.....	1	Colic	1
Phthisis	3	Cholera infantum.....	1
Albuminuria	2	Worms	1
Fevers.....	4	Tuberculosis	1
Fever, pernicious	1	Scrofula	1
Fracture	1	Congestion.....	1
Old age	1	Heart disease.....	1
Pneumonia	1		

Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels.

Surgeon Perry reports, February 22, as follows:

During the week ended February 20, 1904, the following vessels sailed from Colon to United States ports: British steamship *Colonian* for New Orleans, February 17, 3 passengers embarked at this port; American steamship *Alliance* for New York direct, 38 passengers, February 18; Norwegian steamship *Brighton* (fruit boat) for New Orleans, 13 passengers and 24 crew, February 19; American schooner *J. K. Matherson*, 7 crew and no passengers, for Baltimore, on February 19; and the Norwegian steamship *Vera* for New York, on February 20, with 24 crew and no passengers.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Report from Manila—No cholera in Manila—Plague.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, January 28 and February 4, as follows:

No report has been received from the provinces of the number of cases of cholera that have occurred during the week ended January

23, 1904. During the same period the only quarantinable diseases reported in Manila were 3 cases of plague, with 2 deaths.

The continued absence of cholera is very satisfactory, and it may be reasonably assumed that the only quarantinable disease with which we will have to contend at this port in the immediate future will be plague. The number of cases of the latter disease has not been large, yet its presence at a season of the year at which it is usually absent indicates that the prospect of its early disappearance is not bright. Assistant Surgeon Carroll Fox has reported the presence of another case at Cebu, Philippine Islands. This makes 2 cases at that port for the week covered by this report.

Quarantinable diseases—Fumigation of vessels—Recurrence of cholera in Manila.

The number of quarantinable diseases reported in Manila during the week ended January 30, 1904, is as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Cholera	1	1
Smallpox	0	0
Plague	2	1

Recurrence of cholera in Manila.

The entire freedom from cholera which has been enjoyed during the past three weeks was interrupted during the week by one case of this disease. There has been no increase in the number of plague cases, only two cases and one death being reported. The board of health hopes that the systematic inoculation of the inhabitants of the infected sections of the city with the Shiga plague prophylactic will make the number of cases of this disease very few.

Smallpox on the eastern coast of Luzon in the vicinity of Antinonan is very bad at present. Number of cases unknown.

Asst. Surg. George W. McCoy reports that an American, the chief engineer on the coast guard cutter *Panay*, died from cholera while the vessel was at Iloilo, P. I.

On January 26, 1904, the British steamer *Saint George* sailed for Boston and New York via Cebu, P. I. The vessel was thoroughly fumigated with sulphur throughout.

Report of cholera occurring in provincial towns in the Philippine Islands for the week ended January 30, 1904.

Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Aliaga	Nueva Ecija	23	14
San Jose	do	5	5
Manapla	Island of Negros	27	27
Cadiz	do	65	44
Total	120	90